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ABSTRACT

This book introduces children to the exciting outdoors and their important relationship to the environment. Through quality hands-on activities, students become aware of their vital connection to the earth and are instilled with a sense of their place in the world. Chapters cover themes that range from life cycles and animal signs to climate and habitat while offering a variety of activities that span the curriculum. Creating a classroom museum, taking mystery photos, observing pollination, interviewing a local environmental hero, growing a garden, and making memory sketches are just some of the projects offered. Emphasis is placed on using the five senses (sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch) to explore surroundings. In addition, each chapter gives an extensive, annotated list of picture books that can be used to introduce a topic, stimulate interest, and lead students to learning activities. The ideas in this book are easily integrated into the curriculum and can be adapted to any teacher's goals and objectives. Chapters include: (1) "The Wonder of the Place"; (2) "Sensing Our Place"; (3) "Adapting to the Place"; (4) "How Does the Place Work?"; (5) "Animals of the Place"; (6) "Plants of the Place"; (7) "A Place in History"; and (8) "Protecting the Place." (CCM)

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